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## Sun Spots

### Chamber Golf Tournament

The Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce second annual golf tournament will be held at the Belle Glade Municipal Golf Course Saturday, April 29. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Shotgun start at 9 a.m. First Place: \$80 gift certificate. Second place, \$60 gift certificate. Third place, \$40 gift certificate. Entry fee is \$40. \$25 to sponsor a cart, \$100 to sponsor a tee, \$250 package includes foursome and tee sponsorship. Lunch will be provided. All checks should be made to the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce, 540-S. Main Street, Belle Glade 33430. For more information or to register by phone, call Janise Goforth at (561) 996-2745.

### Sunset Watch

Pahokee will be sponsoring another Sunset Watch on March 25. You'll enjoy listening to a professional square dance caller and watching the dancers as they go through their paces.

For more information, call Barbara Branch, chair, at 924-5633 or Shirley Jarriel at 924-6332. Vendors are welcome. There is no charge for this event.

### Applications for Black Gold events

Numerous activities are planned for the 2000 Black Gold Jubilee.

Anyone needing an application for the tennis tournament, volleyball, arts and crafts booths, Little Mr. and Miss Black Gold, the Photography Contest, parade, 5K Walk/Run, Children's Fishing contest, or any other event can pick one up at the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, call the Chamber at 996-2745 or Jubilee Chair Carl Seibert at 993-3343.

### Retirement party for Dr. Effie Grear

Members of the community are invited to a retirement dinner for Dr. Effie Grear, principal of Glades Central High School.

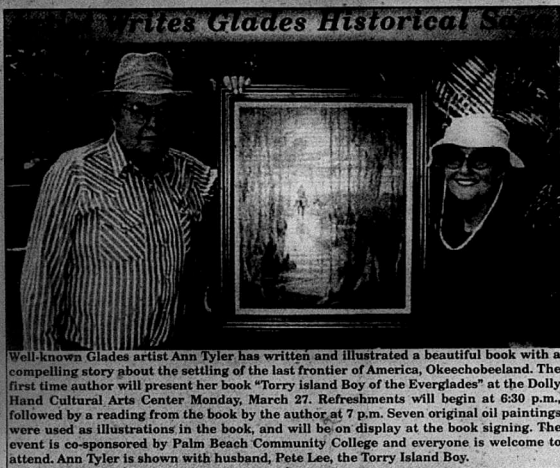
The party will be held on Saturday, April 8 at 6 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Sunspots continue, Pg. 3

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Well-known Glades artist Ann Tyler has written and illustrated a beautiful book with a compelling story about the settling of the last frontier of America, Okeechobee land. The first time author will present her book "Torrey Island Boy of the Everglades" at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center Monday, March 27. Refreshments will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by a reading from the book by the author at 7 p.m. Seven original oil paintings were used as illustrations in the book, and will be on display at the book signing. The event is co-sponsored by Palm Beach Community College and everyone is welcome to attend. Ann Tyler is shown with husband, Pete Lee, the Torrey Island Boy.

## Future looks bright for Belle Glade, says Masilotti

By Brenda Bunting  
Editor

County Commissioner Tony Masilotti came bearing money and good news for Belle Glade at Monday night's city commission meeting. Mr. Masilotti presented a check to Mayor Harma Miller for \$40,000 to be used for county road improvements within city limits.

He also told city commissioners, "I have some very good news. The county architects have found the Lake Shore Middle School building to be in 100 percent better shape than what we thought."

This means the city, which plans to use the old buildings for several purposes, including a recreation center for youth, will not have to spend as much money as previously thought to bring the buildings up to standard.

Mr. Masilotti also noted that things were looking promising for new businesses in Belle Glade with the future development of the Belle Glade Business Park.

"The future is looking very, very bright for Belle Glade," he said.

Commissioners thanked Mr. Masilotti for the check and Vice

Mayor D. Bill Mathis said, "It's a rare politician who follows through on what he promises."

Mr. Masilotti also said he anticipated the county commission approving another \$50,000 for renovations to the Belle Glade Civic Center. He said the county will be giving the money towards the renovations of the center. Another \$50,000 will be given to the city from a Community Development Block grant and the city will do \$15,000 worth of in-kind work on the building.

Recreation Center Representative J.D. Patrick said the city plans to use city employees to remodel the inside of the civic center, including putting in a new ceiling and lighting; a new roof, electrical upgrades, retiling of the stage and kitchen areas, new cabinets in the kitchen, remodeling the bathrooms and replacing some windows and installing hurricane shutters. The center is scheduled to close March 31 and will be closed about two months.



County Commissioner Tony Masilotti presents City of Belle Glade Mayor Harma Miller with a check from the county for \$40,000 for street improvements on county roads within the city.

## Pahokee spruces up during the Great American Cleanup

Pahokee residents turned out Saturday, March 18 to clean up their community. They were assisted by Glades Correctional Institution, the Florida Department of Transportation, the Eagle Academy and Florida Youth Conservation Corps, the volunteers from Pahokee Main Street, City of Pahokee Parks and Recreation, Citizens Observer Patrol and the Chamber of Commerce who

worked throughout the day to clean up the blighted areas of downtown.

"We appreciate the help of everyone who worked so diligently to help our city," said Barbara Branch, chair. "Almost 100 volunteers worked together to remove hundreds of yards of refuse and vegetation. Cooperation is the key to any endeavor and we were certainly blessed with that."

## Roy Singletary resigns commission, seeks mayor's seat

By Tracy Whirls

Associate Editor  
Pahokee Vice Mayor Roy Singletary surprised those present at the March 14 Pahokee commission meeting by announcing he has submitted his resignation from the commission to the governor and will seek the Mayor's seat in the upcoming city election May 2.

Vice Mayor Singletary, who has served on the commission for 12 years, submitted his resignation March 9.

Commissioners are required by law to submit their resignation from the commission

ten days prior to filing for the mayoral seat.

Qualifying for Pahokee commission election ends March 31.

Mayor Alvis Davis "is expected" to file to retain his seat, as are Commissioners Keith Babb and Pete Moore, who are both up for re-election. Commissioner Singletary's vacant seat will also be on the ballot.

Winners of the May 2 election will serve a two-year term.

Voter registration books to be eligible to vote in the May 2 election close April 3.

## Pahokee approves revision of peddler ordinance

By Tracy Whirls

The Pahokee City Commission approved an amendment to its ordinance regarding peddlers to include those who set up at a stationary location, but sent back a revision of the ordinance governing yard sales and rummage sales for further review.

Under the terms of the revised peddler ordinance, a peddler in a stationary location is someone who uses the location for the sale of goods that extend beyond the type of personal goods sold in a yard sale. A peddler may not operate more than two days a week and must have the same license and pay the applicable \$300 fee as a traveling peddler. The peddler must also have written permission from the property owner to set up at the location.

The proposed yard sale ordinance amendment, intended to differentiate between yard sales and peddling of retail merchandise was rejected because commissioners felt the two yard sale a year limit and limiting yard sales to merchandise belonging to family members in the same household

was too restrictive.

Mayor Alvis Davis noted that many families, like his own, have children who might outgrow their clothing or use toys several times in the course of a year, and suggested that permitting a family to hold four yard sales a year at the same location might be more reasonable.

Some residents objected to the proposal, arguing that the two yard sale per year current limit is adequate.

"If they can only have yard sales twice a year, they could save up their items, instead of having so many all the time," said Barbara Branch, who, like other residents objected to ongoing yard sales which they say gives the city an unattractive "junk" appearance, and encouraged residents to donate unwanted items to charities instead.

Resident Larry Wright objected, noting that many in the community live month to month and need the additional income generated by yard sales. He said

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## Join The Keep America Beautiful Great American Cleanup!



WORKERS PAUSE FOR A PICTURE. Just a few of the participants in Pahokee's Great American Cleanup are shown above. From left are Diane Walker, Mary Alice Moore, Amy Schenck and Kay Roesigian.



The winner of the the Gamebreaker 2000 Tournament held Saturday during the Glades Festival of Afro Arts was James Boykins, left, shown receiving his prize from Albert Harper III. First runner up was Mike Boykins. Others participating in the video game tournament included Jeryll Maddie, Albert Harper II, James Hickman, Antonio Millian, and Gion Jackson.

## Commissioner Davis attends League of Cities meeting

South Bay City Commissioner Clarissa Davis attended a meeting of the National League of Cities (NLC) in Washington last week, focusing on federal priorities to help local governments to build strong and productive communities.

Nearly 3,000 municipal government officials attended the meeting, which included an address by President Clinton on Sunday, March 12.

Along with the impacts of federal budget priorities, actions in Washington have also affected local decisions in matters of tax policy, housing and land use, transportation priorities and a growing array of issues involving telecommunications services.

"Cities and towns need to maintain a strong voice in our nation's capital, especially when the political climate of an election year can influence the debate over policies that affect how our cities and towns are able to meet the everyday needs of our citizens," said NLC President Bob Knight, mayor of Wichita, Kan. "We want Washington to be an ally of governments closest to the people—a partner, not an opponent, constructive rather than intrusive."

Along with developing an Action Agenda of priority issues for America's cities and towns, delegates also heard the latest about Campaign 2000 from two Washington insiders. Republican Mary Malin and Democrat James Carville, two veteran political activists turned analysts, traded insights about outcomes and outlook in the wake of the Super Tuesday elections and other key factors.

The debate over taxation of sales transactions on the Internet, was reviewed by Rep. Christopher Cox (R-Calif.), Rep. Edward Markey (D-Mass.) and Mayor Ron Kirk of Dallas. Cox and Markey are key members of the congressional leadership that will receive a report in April from a special federal advisory commission examining those issues and Kirk is a commission member.

Several members of President Clinton's Cabinet also addressed the conference. Attorney General Janet Reno spoke about the challenges and goals of building safe and inclusive communities. Commerce Secretary William Daley discussed the 2000 Census and Energy Secretary Bill Richardson gave a report on federal energy assistance programs.

Other federal agency officials and Congressional leaders from both political parties also took part in other conference sessions. The schedule included legislative workshops focusing on proposed or recently-enacted federal policy changes dealing with education, health care, the taxation of electronic commerce, transportation and aviation policy, privacy and other issues involving telecommunications technology, affordable housing and environmental policies.

## Neighborhood group cleaning up Amaryllis

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generated by yard sales. He said "junk" conditions should be addressed by code enforcement, rather than penalizing residents who hold yard sales to dispose of accumulated possessions. "Some of us can't afford to live in charity. We don't live in Boca Raton," he said.

Vice Mayor Roy Singletary objected to the clause in the revised ordinance which would limit items offered for sale in yard sales to those belonging to members of the same household. "If I have a yard sale, and my daughter lives down the street, does that mean she would have to have a yard sale too?" he asked, noting that such a restriction would also increase the number of yard sales, defeating the purpose of the measure.

Jo Hatton noted that if the yard sale limit is increased from 2 to 4 per year, the net effect is that the number of yard sales will increase, rather than decreasing, which she said she thought was the purpose behind the revision of the ordinance. City manager Ken Schenck said the purpose of the revised ordinance was to prohibit a person from setting up a permanent yard sale and to clear up existing confusion concerning regulations of yard sales and peddling.

Commissioner Keith Bobb noted that there is no requirement under the revised ordinance for residents to receive a permit to hold a yard sale, and suggested that some kind

of nominee fee be charged for yard sale permits. City manager Schenck noted that while the existing ordinance calls for a permit to be issued for yard sales, it is difficult to enforce. Commissioner Bobb asked how the city would determine that residents were observing the proposed four yard sales per year restriction if permits are not issued and enforced.

The commissioners rejected the proposed revision and will reconsider an amended version at their next meeting.

In other business, Scott Parker told members of the Pahokee Commission at their regular meeting Tuesday night that he and other residents and landlords in the Amaryllis neighborhood have formed a working group to clean up the neighborhood "One block at a time." Mr. Parker asked the commissioners to support the endeavor by enforcing zoning ordinances in the neighborhood and encouraging the Chief of Police to step up efforts to combat drug trafficking and street corner gambling in the area.

Mr. Parker said the five-member group is working with local landlords to clean up vacant lots and is seeking grant funds to demolish two derelict buildings. He told the commissioners that the corner of Adams Place and Rardin is a big drug dealing corner and asked the commissioners to beef up patrols of the neighborhood.

## Four organizations receive funding from "Dress Down for Charity" program at Clerk of Court Office

Clerk of the Circuit Court Dorothy H. Wilken recently presented checks totalling more than \$11,000 to four local charities as part of the Clerk of the Courts "Dress Down for Charity" program.

Accepting the checks on behalf of their organizations were Leah Miles of the American Cancer Society, Tracy Lesperance of the Comprehensive AIDS Program (CAP), Alex Stevens, Jr. of The Lord's Place and Annie Ruiz of the Make-A-Wish Foundation. All of the recipients said the donations would help further the goals of their organizations in Palm Beach County.

The most recent donations from the Clerk's "Dress Down for Charity" program bring to nearly \$100,000 the total contributions made to local charities since the program's inception in 1997.

By paying \$4 per pay period, through payroll deductions, the



Clerk of the Courts Dorothy Wilken, center, presents checks to (left to right) Leah Miles of the American Cancer Society, Tracy Lesperance of CAP, Annie Ruiz of the Make-A-Wish Foundation and Alex Stevens, Jr. of The Lord's Place.

700 employees in the Clerk of the Court's six offices can choose to dress casually on Fridays during work hours. The employees select the charities which receive their monthly contributions.

"I've always said how proud I am of my employees and this is just

another way they demonstrate their commitment to the public and to our community," Mrs. Wilken said.

In addition to the charities honored recently, other organizations which have benefited from the program include the Animal Rescue

League, the Center for Children in Crisis, the American Heart Association, Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation, the Adam Walsh Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Hospice by the Sea, Corner's Nursery and the Hospice Guild of Palm Beach.

## Palm Beach County United Way announces record-breaking campaign

In the strongest show of community support ever, United Way of Palm Beach County announced March 16 that they have raised \$12,300,656 during the 1999-2000 campaign.

Board Chairman Joe L. Howard, president of ARGENT Management Co. announced that this year's campaign total surpassed the campaign goal of \$12,200,000 announced at the United Way Kickoff in September. Mr. Howard noted that the results of this year's \$12,300,656 cam-

paigned represent an 11.5 percent increase over last year's previous best campaign of 11,076,242. This continues the trend over the last six years that has resulted in a 70 percent increase in campaign dollars raised since 1984-85.

Mr. Howard also noted that United Way's administrative costs for this campaign remain minimal, with 89 cents of every dollar donated going directly to help people in Palm Beach County. Less than 11 percent of the dollars raised are used for administrative and fund-

raising purposes.

Campaign Chairman John Woodworth, senior vice president of Washington Mutual, was recognized for his leadership in this campaign.

Mr. Woodworth attributed this year's success to hard-working campaign cabinet, committed devoted executives and an extremely dedicated and caring donor community.

"A campaign's success is the direct result of the work done by dedicated volunteers and the will-

ingness of residents to give to those in need. Because of your commitment, United Way is able to provide increasingly needed funding to programs that provide vitally needed services to nearly one of every four people in our community," he said.

Mr. Woodworth also recognized the 1999-2000 Top 10 workplace campaigns. Contributions from these employee campaigns and corporate gifts totaling \$4,300,385 represent 35 percent of the overall campaign. These organizations include: Publix Super Markets, Inc., Pratt & Whitney, Florida Power and Light Company, I.B.E.W., Tyco, Palm Beach County School District, Motorola Personal Communications, The Palm Beach Post and Florida Pennysaver, Palm Beach County Employees, National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI), and BellSouth Corp.



Owen Seward as Sousa



John Phillip Sousa

Florida's premier concert band, The New Gardens Band, returns to the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center on Saturday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m. A Century of Sousa will recreate an authentic turn of the century concert, featuring conductor Owen Seward as John Phillip Sousa. For tickets, call the box office at (561) 992-6160 or (561) 992-6161.

## Help available for uninsured children in Palm Beach County through KidCare

Palm Beach County Schools are doing their share to change statistics about uninsured children by spreading the word about Florida KidCare and making information and applications available to students through the Department of Student Services and the School Health Program. It is estimated that children who do not have health insurance are 25 percent more likely to miss school than children who are insured, children with untreated illnesses often can't keep up in school.

The Health Specialist in the Department of Student Services is responsible for making sure School Nurses are supplied with Florida KidCare applications upon request. The School Nurse is able to identify students that may be eligible for the Florida KidCare program and distributes applications to these families. Since Florida KidCare benefits cover immunizations, it can help families meet school immunization requirements, as well.

Florida KidCare provides com-

prehensive and affordable health insurance for uninsured children. There are several types of insurance within Florida KidCare to meet the needs of children. Children from birth through age 18 may be eligible even if both parents are working. Benefits covered include doctor's visits, hospital care, prescribed drugs, lab tests, behavioral or mental health and more. Most families pay \$15 a month or nothing at all, based on their household income and family size. The one page, mail-in application is easy to fill out and no interview is required.

Families who would like more information about Florida KidCare or would like to request an application can call 800-0035 (toll-free in Palm Beach County), 1-888-540 KIDS (5437) or may visit their school nurse.

If an organization would like to become a partner in the challenge to help families in Palm Beach County obtain health insurance for their children, contact Jacqueline Muñiz at (561) 659-1270 ext. 5867 or Terri Weichman

at 659-1270 ext. 5527. KidCare specialists for the Palm Beach County Health Care District.

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# Versatile herbs make attractive potted plants



**Katrina Elkins**  
Contributing Editor

Gardening season is in full swing in South Florida. It seems that everywhere you go, you see plants for sale. Fresh vegetables are great because you get the benefit of the peak of flavor as well as the maximum nutritional benefit.

If you don't have time to grow your own fresh vegetables, consider an alternative that not only lets you enjoy something you grow yourself, but can also double as attractive house plants. Try growing herbs.

Fresh herbs add flavor to foods and make it easier to create good tasting meals without using a lot of fat or salt.

Growing your own herbs is easy and inexpensive. I spent \$1.50 on a small pot of thyme and have been pinching off leaves for cooking for more

than a year. Despite these regular "prunings" the thyme plant is thriving and three times the size it was when I bought it. By comparison, a small package of dried thyme costs around \$3 and never lasts me a year.

I often see "herb gardens" advertised with many different herbs growing in the same window box. I don't really advise this because some herbs take more water than others.

Parsley, which will wilt if it doesn't get enough water, can

not live happily in the same pot with Rosemary, which likes drier conditions.

Given sufficient water, plant food and sunlight, parsley makes an attractive plant and grows quickly. (If you do plant a vegetable garden, a row of parsley can thrive outdoors as well.) Basil, with broad, bright green leaves, also makes a very pretty plant and grows quickly. Chives can also be grown as a potted plant, but you have to prune them back often so the plant will get thicker. If you

don't prune chives, they will just get tall and stalky.

Thyme, which is sometimes grown outdoors as a groundcover, is not really attractive as a houseplant, but it is useful in bringing out the flavors of foods that I don't mind.

Rosemary will grow very large if given proper encouragement.

If it gets too tall, you can plant it outside as a bush.

One advantage of growing herbs as houseplants is that you don't have to worry about

children or pets getting sick from trying a few leaves. (I would still discourage both from consuming potted plants, because if they are allowed to do this at home, they might try it somewhere else.)

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## ER Chronicles: Your pregnancy test is positive



**Arlen R. Stauffer, MD**

By **Arlen R. Stauffer, MD**  
"When was your last period?"

Emergency physician Tammmy Cortez was gathering information to help her decipher the abdominal complaints of 17-year-old Jill.

"Oh, I dunno. Maybe two or three months ago," Jill appeared annoyed by the questioning, and added, "Can I get some pain medicine now?"

Cortez shook her head.

"No, Jill. Not until I get a little more information. I'll get you some pain medicine then. OK?"

Jill rolled her eyes toward the wall and away from Cortez.

"Have you ever been pregnant?" Cortez continued.

"No!" Jill retorted emphatically.

Cortez went on to ask about several other issues, including prior surgeries and any history of gall bladder or ulcer problems. She asked about prior pelvic infections.

"No! I've been fine. I just have this ache now the last, well, like, it started last night. Can't I just get some medicine?"

This time Cortez ignored the

question.

"Has there been any bleeding today, Jill?"

"Yeah. It started a little this morning."

As Cortez pushed her hand gently into the lower part of Jill's abdomen, Jill cried out.

"Hey! That's sore there!"

"Is it worse over here?"

Cortez tested each portion of Jill's belly, methodically noting the amount of tenderness in each area.

"Grab some blood for the lab," Cortez said to Debbie, the nurse accompanying her in Jill's ER room. "Leave a saline IV line in her, and then set her up for a pelvic exam."

As Cortez left the room to order the lab tests, she overheard Jill's latest exclamations.

"Oh, great! Now I have to go through that? This really..."

Cortez hurried on out of earshot, instructed the secretary to order the blood tests, then returned to Jill's room within a couple minutes.

As she put on her gloves, Cortez looked again at the vital signs sheet that Debbie was maintaining, noting that Jill's blood pressure was good.

Cortez found the tender area easily within the left side of Jill's pelvis, and turned again to Debbie.

"Debbie, set me up for a quick sonogram here while I check the HCG test. Be right back."

When Cortez returned a minute later, she nodded with a "I-knew-it" look toward Debbie.

"HCG is positive." Then, turning her face toward Jill, she delivered the news. "Jill, your pregnancy test is positive. Now we have to see just where this pregnancy is located."

Jill's eyes widened. Her display of attitude suddenly melted away. A tear rolled down her face. The face of an innocent little girl now replaced the tough look.

"Oh, no," she whispered. "I didn't think..." Her voice trailed off.

Cortez began moving the ultrasound probe into position as she explained the procedure to Jill.

Pointing to the screen, Cortez drew Debbie's attention to a shadowy area of the picture.

"There's no sac, no evidence of a pregnancy within the uterus."

Debbie nodded, and continued watching the pictures on the screen.

Cortez continued. "And, see here? There's a mass in the area of this left tube."

"What's that mean?" Jill whimpered.

"And here's quite a bit of fluid," Cortez said as she gathered the final pictures of the exam.

Cortez withdrew the probe, then stepped up to the head of

the bed. She looked Jill straight in the eyes.

"Jill, I think you have a tubal pregnancy." She paused for a moment to let that sink in. "I'm going to call the gynecologist now, usually this will require emergency surgery."

As Cortez opened the door to leave, she directed her parting request to Debbie.

"Find out about parents and family."

Debbie knew what to do. She had already moved over to hold Jill's hand.

Ectopic pregnancy occurs when the very early pregnancy (conceptus) implants anywhere outside of the normal location (the uterus) for pregnancies. All but five percent of ectopic pregnancies occur in the fallopian tubes.

Although mortality rates for this condition have decreased steadily over the past 30 years, it remains a leading cause of pregnancy-related maternal death.

The classic triad of symptoms includes abdominal pain, vaginal bleeding, and one or more missed or late menstrual periods. In some studies, the incidence of ectopic pregnancy is as high as 15 cases per 1000 reported pregnancies.

Treatment usually involves a surgical procedure, and often a fallopian tube is permanently

lost.

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in the school gymnasium. Those persons wishing to attend may contact Sarah Bennett, 964 Linda Road, Belle Glade, Florida, 33430.

Cost of the dinner is \$30 per guest. Checks should be written to the Ellie C. Grear Retirement Fund.

**Jam Session**

American Legion, Post #20 is hosting a Jam Session on Saturday, March 25 from 7 to 10 p.m. to promote membership. Admission to the Jam Session is free, but a suggested donation is a covered dish.

**Class meeting**

Classmates of the class of 1990, Glades Central Community High are urged to attend the next class meeting on April 16 at Stick's Apartment.

For more information, call Michael Tyler at 996-9407, Linda Nelson at 992-8064 or Ornela Jasper at 996-1108.

**Women's Day at St. James A.M.E.**

St. James A.M.E. Church of St. Luke will be holding their annual Women's Day on Sunday, March 26 at 11 a.m. and again at 3 p.m.

The theme is "Christian Women Putting on the Whole Armor of God as They Serve on the Battlefield for the Lord."

The speaker for the morning service is Evangelist Frazier Thomas of Arkansas and Sister Shirley Gibson of Fort Pierce is

**Harvest Queen Pageant**

The Harvest Queen Pageant will be held April 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center.

Applications are available at Atlantic Pacific Insurance, 204 Northwest Avenue L.

Participants must be between the ages of 16 and 21 to enter. The pageant is sponsored by the Belle Glade Lions Club and PBCC-GLades.

Tickets are \$10 and will be available at First Community Bank in Belle Glade after March 21.

For more information, call Becky White at 996-5800.

**Black Gold Tennis Tournament**

The Black Gold Tennis Tournament will be held April 1-8. There is no entry fee and the tournament format includes a consolation round, so all competitors will play at least two matches.

If enough entries are received, Tennis Chair Ken Buchanan says a compass format will be used in which each time competitors win or lose, they gravitate toward players of comparable ability levels who have had the same results in the previous round. A player or team can lose the first three matches and still be guaranteed a spot in one of eight finals.

Sign up now for men and women's singles, doubles and mixed doubles by contacting

Mr. Buchanan at 996-6107.

**Booth space available for Black Gold Jubilee**

Vendor booth applications are now being accepted for the 2000 Black Gold Jubilee to be held April 15. Applications may be obtained from the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce or by calling 993-3343.

The deadline for applications is March 31, 2000.

**Children's Day 2000 in the Glades**

In conjunction with the "Week of the Young Child" April 9-15, there will be a Children's Day 2000 in the Glades on Friday, April 14 at Rardin Park in Belle Glade.

Special guest will be Ronald McDonald and a live concert performance by "Ms. Maggie." There will also be a bounce house and games for the children.

**5K Walk/Run**

Applications for the Black Gold Jubilee 5K Walk/Run can be obtained by calling Linda Lee at 996-8722 or by stopping by the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce. This year's 5K Walk/Run will be held Saturday, April 15 at the Municipal Golf Course.

Registration begins at 6:45 a.m. and the race starts at 7:30 a.m.

**Gospel Sing**

The annual Jubilee Gospel Sing will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11 at Community United Methodist Church.

If you or your organization would be interested in performing, please call the church office at 996-5668 for more

# OPINION PAGE

Feel strongly about local issues?



## The Sun

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Speak Out is our 24-hour opinion line.

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### Job opportunities

"I am writing in regards to there being few job opportunities in Pahokee for the local teens. I have been looking around town for some time now and everyone says, 'At this time, we have nothing.'"

I am very anxious to get out there and make some money. I believe a job would benefit a teenager because it would keep them busy doing something positive and for themselves. It would also teach them responsibility, something every teen should be accustomed to. It is like my father says, "You don't take good care of things, like a stereo, until you start paying for it."

So, I guess I am asking the town leaders and community to assist our teens in finding local jobs, because we really want to show our town and community we can do something positive and responsible."

### Pahokee City Manager Ken Schenck responds to last week's Speak Out

"In regards to the Speak Out question about occupational licenses in last week's newspaper, the \$300 license in question is for businesses which qualify as peddlers. All peddlers need the proper license or they will be shut down."

These licenses are different from a store because the peddler doesn't pay property taxes or have utility costs.

Many of the peddlers are from out of town and they compete for business with store owners.

The difference in the cost of the license helps make them more even.

Please feel free to call me at City Hall if you wish to discuss this further."



**WHAT A GIFT!**...Glades Community Development Corporation donated a \$24,000, 15-passenger van to the First Haitian Baptist Church Youth and Children Development Center on Monday, March 20. Shown, from left are Juanita Malone, president of GCDC, Rev. Morales St. Hilaire and GCDC board member Paul Allen. Also receiving donations from \$2,000 were the Concerned Youth for Community Improvement, the Heart Team, St. Philip Core Team and Campus for Life. Receiving \$1,217.50 checks were: Harvest AME Brass Ensemble, Glades Kids Activity Center, Street Beat, Inc., the Missoula Children's Theatre, Claim Your Culture and the Lighthouse Cafe. Core funders for GCDC who made the presentations possible include the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties, the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

## Who was in the "Looking Back Through Time?"

Belle Glade resident Barbara Dean called in and identified three of the four the people in last week's "Looking Back Through Time" photo. They were: Pat Sheppard, Lurtine Brooks, and Linwood Fuller.

## The Sun

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- ✓ To report the news with honesty, accuracy, purposeful neutrality, fairness, objectivity, fearlessness and compassion.
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## Letters to the Editor

### It's all in the attitude

#### Dear Editor:

Rene Descartes once stated, "I think, therefore I am."

As I reflect upon my last three years of high school, I acknowledge that my accomplishments often reflected my positive attitude. I think the most important thing in life is to be positive, because you have better opportunities in your life. I feel my current accomplishments could not have been possible without being positive.

I tend to focus on my past experiences and behavior in order to imagine what achievements I will be able to attain over the course of my life, resulting from staying positive.

As I take a look back at my past, I can see that I earned better opportunities and got a lot accomplished by being positive, rather than by remaining negative.

Upon reflection, I recall my first year at Pahokee High School as being both a nightmare and a blessing, because in seventh grade I was terrible. I talked back to my teachers, cursed, fought, and I got sent to the administrator more often than I'd like to admit.

You can say I was rude, arrogant, disrespectful, and negative.

One day, an event forever changed me. My teachers, Ms. Zwick, Ms. Douglas, and Mr. Ford talked to me in private. They told me these words I will never forget. They said, "You have great abilities and you can excel, but your behavior is holding up that process." They also told me, "If you can improve your behavior and be positive, you can get out of these classes." The classes I was attending were for emotionally handicapped students. Big words, meaning classes where they stick teens who are having behavior problems in class and who are disrupting the learning of other students.

So, I heeded their encouraging words and improved, instantly. I was removed from that class and was put in regular classes. In the eighth grade, I put in an application to be one of

the lucky students joining the Technology Lab (an advanced academy for the school's students.) I remained positive and understood that to succeed, I must remain positive.

Since then, I have joined the school newspaper staff, student council, SADD, and FFA. I also write for the local newspaper and write for an after school program newsletter. I am also a community activist. I do community service work.

In addition, I attend city council meetings and in March I will be participating in an exchange student program. All this could not have been possible without a positive attitude.

Over the course of my life I have met negativity that has been directed towards me from friends, family, and others. I have been told, "You will never be anything," or, "You will never become a pediatrician." People don't say that anymore, because they know that it doesn't faze me. I like to think how far you can go in life depends on how big you dream. Much of the reason I strive for achievement or success is to show others who didn't believe in me that if I truly put my mind to it, I can achieve anything my heart desires.

There have been many people who have been supportive; my loving mother, without whom I think my life would be worthless; as well as my teachers, and my true friends. They have influenced me so that now, I am writing my autobiography.

As I strive for a future filled with vivid opportunities and success, I can only hope I will remain in the same positive mode.

I just wanted to let others know that opportunity and success is driven by hard work, commitment, self-motivation, desire, and, above all, being positive.

David Ruiz  
Pahokee

## Concerns about City of Belle Glade Golf Course

#### Dear Editor:

I am writing to express my concern about the prices for playing at Belle Glade Golf Course and the poor playing conditions.

This past Saturday I played golf at the Belle Glade Golf Course. I paid \$16.70 for nine holes with a golf cart and paid \$3 for a bucket of poor range balls. The reason why I'm writing you is that I've played golf all over the world and I've never seen a golf course in such bad playing condition for that price. I am not afraid of any price, because I've paid as much as \$250 to play 18 holes with a cart.

The first nine holes at the Belle Glade Course are the worst nine holes I ever played with such bad playing conditions for my \$16.70.

At first look, the club house looks so great. The driving range iron holder is so rusted and bent up. The bunker is mixed with muck and sand and it's rusted bucket. This is just at the club house. At the first nine holes I saw no field yardage mark with numbers. The bunker rakes are very old. The handles are sun-dried and made of an old broom handle with a nail in it to hold it together. The sixth hole has a weather shed with stained walls and lots of hornet's nests and spider webs.

This golf course should not charge anyone until they improve. I will not play on this course again until the

April 29 tournament. I love the Belle Glade Golf Course, but it's too dangerous for me to play. News Channel 12, and Channel 25 did a TV interview on this course, but I've told other channels I'll do an interview while I'm playing on my Jr. Golf Tour but not at Belle Glade anymore. My golf tour's next stop is at Atlanta on March 18-19 and has two TV interviews there while I'm playing.

I hear that the city spent a lot of money on this golf course. If so, where did the money go?

I don't want anyone from the City of Belle Glade mad at me. I am trying to bring more business people here to invest their money, such as my sponsors, Nike, Gatorade, Wilson Sports, CBS Sports, Delta Airlines, Wal-Mart, JC Penny, Alamo Rent-A-Car. These are some of my sponsors who I talk with every other day.

I am giving you these four balls that came from Belle Glade Golf Course that I paid \$3 a bucket for. These poor balls are the same ones they sell to their customers every day. Those range balls should be trashed for new ones. And kids under 15 should be allowed to play for free.

Leon Rolle,  
9 years old  
Pahokee





THE GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP was held in Pahokee this past Saturday. Shown cleaning up are Shirley Jarrell and Sandy Davis with Sandy's four month old daughter, Brea.

## CRIME STOPPERS



Arions George Dotson

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate Arions George Dotson who is wanted for violation of probation on charges of lewd assault.

Dotson is a black male, 6'0" tall, and weighs 210 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes and scars on his left and right arms.

His date of birth is September 15, 1967. His last known address was 1805 West Blue Heron Blvd., Riviera

Beach. His Social Security number is unknown and his last occupation was as a construction worker.

His warrant was active as of March 14, 2000.

If you know the whereabouts of Arions George Dotson, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.



Belle Glade Patrolman Carl Graves was honored as "Employee of the Month" at Monday night's Belle Glade Commission meeting. He is presented a plaque and a check by Mayor Harma Miller.

## South Florida weather harder to predict



Mike Lyons

Sometimes forecasting the weather in Florida is not any fun. I can spend hours looking at charts, satellite pictures, Doppler radar and enough computer data to make a hard drive cringe and it still doesn't help.

The forecast of "sunny skies and mild temperatures" has somehow been transformed into a steady rain with gusty winds. No wonder my hair is turning gray.

After a frustrating day at the weather office I'm often reminded of an old weather saying: only a fool would try to forecast the weather in Florida.

Chances are weather forecasters in other parts of the country know that same forecasting frustration as well as I do. Predicting tomorrow's weather is never easy, no matter where you live.

Although I still maintain that

our weather is much more difficult to predict than weather in other locales. The main reason it is tougher here is our location. Our tropical climate, the intense sunshine, and being nearly surrounded by water all combine to make Florida's weather sometimes unpredictable.

During my career I've predicted snow storms in Wisconsin, cold waves in Michigan, tornadoes in Kansas and hurricanes in Texas but Florida is my biggest challenge.

Recently, the American Meteorological Society examined forecasts from around the country to see how accurate we are. As you might suspect, short-term forecasting (under 12 hours) was found to be the most accurate. In the words of the A.M.S., forecasts up to 12 hours "show considerable skill and utility."

From 12 to 48 hours, the A.M.S. study found that we do a pretty good job, particularly with large storms. While we can't say exactly where or when a severe storm might develop, the study found that forecasters do well at predicting which areas will be threatened as much as 48 hours ahead of time.

The biggest advance in forecasting accuracy came in the area of severe weather. Thanks

to a network of sophisticated Doppler radars, we can now spot severe thunderstorms and tornadoes much sooner. In fact, the warning time for tornadoes is now up to 18 minutes.

The study surprised many people with its finding on long-term forecasting. Three to five day forecasts were found to be fairly accurate. In fact, the study said "generally, five-day forecasts now are as accurate as three-day forecasts a decade ago." The study showed that large storms or major cold waves in particular can be predicted very accurately up to five days.

After five days, however, it gets tougher and tougher to come up with an accurate forecast. The A.M.S. study discovered that forecasts for six to ten day periods "are not that accurate." I look for trends when I'm forecasting for a long-term period. Will it warm up next week or remain cool?

Overall, the study said that weather forecasters are getting better and better at their job. We still make mistakes because Mother Nature is often full of surprises but today's forecasts are more accurate than ten years ago.

And, ten years from now, we'll be doing an even better job. Of course, by then, my hair will be completely gray.

## Arrest Blotters

**Editor's note:** The police news on this page lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

### BELLE GLADE

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 621 complaints and gave 63 traffic citations the week of March 13-19.

Those arrested included:

**March 13 - Ephone Kelly, 43**, carrying a concealed weapon by a convicted felon; **Stephen Crosbie, 27**, domestic battery.

**March 14 - Gerald Jackson, 30**, domestic battery; **Robert Smith, 33**, felony criminal mischief, aggravated domestic assault, warrants for burglary of a dwelling and criminal mischief; **Theresa Thomas, 26**, child neglect; **James Benjamin, 19**, robbery, possession of cocaine and possession of cocaine with intent to sell.

**March 15 - Clifford Davis, 20**, two counts of violation of probation and warrant for domestic battery; **Arnold Miller, 18**, failure to appear on charges of resisting arrest without violence and loitering and prowling; **Ruth Lynn Chambers, 16**, violation of probation; **Juvenile, 15**, resisting arrest without violence; **Alphonso Carillo, 18**, carrying a concealed weapon.

**March 16 - James Whitaker, 28**, possession of narcotic paraphernalia; **Steven Fredrick, 20**, battery and carrying a concealed weapon by a convicted felon; **Juvenile, 15**, retail theft; **Curtaious Freeman, 24**, battery on a law enforcement officer and resisting an officer without violence.

**March 17 - Robert Lee Simpson, 32**, burglary to a vehicle; **Earl Campbell, 30**, domestic battery; **Gloria Nixon, 42**, aggravated domestic assault; **Gwendolyn Williams, 52**, child neglect; **Patricia Jones Ford, 42**, battery.

**March 18 - Kennedy Lee Rumph, 36**, burglary to a vehicle; **Earl Campbell, 30**, domestic battery; **Gloria Nixon, 42**, aggravated domestic assault; **Gwendolyn Williams, 52**, child neglect; **Patricia Jones Ford, 42**, battery.

**March 19 - Mario Herts, 18**, robbery with a firearm, grand theft, battery and wearing a mask while committing an offense; **Jose Presas, 20**, possession of alcohol by a person under 21; **Willie Hickman, 59**, burglary of an occupied dwelling with battery and aggravated stalking; **Juvenile, 17**, domestic battery; **Clinton Griffiths, 49**, aggravated domestic battery.

### SOUTH BAY

The South Bay Police Department made 20 arrests the week of March 12-19.

Those arrested included:

**March 12 - Gregory C. Greller, 31**, habitual traffic offender; **Nicholas J. Moore, 19**, possession of marijuana under 20 grams; **Matthew J. Bureshy, 20**, possession of marijuana under 20 grams; **Kristin R. Stone, 20**,

possession of marijuana under 20 grams; **Jessica G. Paletsky, 19**, possession of marijuana under 20 grams; **Sylvester Joseph, 45**, disorderly intoxication; **Roosevelt Adderly, 38**, warrant for failure to appear.

**March 13 - Carlton Henderson, 24**, possession of cocaine; **Roosevelt Pinkston, 66**, warrant for failure to appear.

**March 14 - Troy I. Johnson, 20**, disorderly conduct.

**March 15 - Shirley J. Dickerson, 43**, possession of marijuana under 20 grams; **David A. Bends, 36**, possession of marijuana under 20 grams; **Derek L. Jeannette, 20**, possession of marijuana under 20 grams; **Thomas J. Osgood, 23**, possession of marijuana under 20 grams.

**March 16 - Willie J. McKelvin, 51**, violation of the open container law.

**March 17 - Gregory Williams, 25**, resisting arrest without violence; **Stingette Hall, 19**, aggravated battery.

**March 18 - Johnny Brooks, 19**, battery; **Ricky B. Booth, 19**, possession of marijuana under 20 grams; **Juvenile, 16**, possession of marijuana under 20 grams.

### PAHOKEE

The Pahokee Police Department handled 137 calls, issued 8 traffic citations and made 4 arrests the week of March 13-19.

Those arrested included:

**March 13 - No arrests made.**

**March 14 - No arrests made.**

**March 15 - Robert Starks, 34**, retail theft; **Jean Pierre-Vallancourt, 37**, petty theft.

**March 16 - No arrests made.**

**March 17 - Juvenile, 16**, possession of a weapon on school property; **Wayne Norris, 45**, assault on a person 65 years of age or older, disorderly intoxication, corruption by threat to a public official.

**March 18 - No arrests made.**

**March 19 - No arrests made.**

### PALM-BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office made 9 arrests the week of March 15-21.

Those arrested included:

**March 15 - No arrests made.**

**March 16 - No arrests made.**

**March 17 - No arrests made.**

**March 18 - Anthony Robinson, 39**, Pahokee, resisting without violence, domestic violence.

**March 19 - No arrests made.**

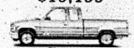
**March 20 - Alfonso S. Angrim, 23**, Pahokee, simple battery domestic, **Louis L. Robinson, 24**, Pahokee, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

**March 21 - Juvenile, 17**, Pahokee, aggravated battery.

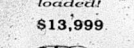
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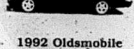
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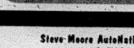
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## Glades Central boys win own track meet

Led by Santonio Thomas' 52-R 2" throw in the shot put and two first-place finishes by Steve Messam, the Raiders boys track team swept the field events during the Glades Invitational Track Tournament March 10. The sprint team of Willemann Lebrun, Johnnie Mullins, Fred Robinson and Reggie Vickers won the 4 x 100 relay and finished 1-2-3 in the 200 to seal the victory in the track events.

## Former Pahokee coach to be honored during Coal Bowl

Mrs. Hubert Anderson (nee Joan Connors, former long time resident of Belle Glade now residing in Loxahatchee) has recently been contacted by the New Waterford, Nova Scotia, Coal Bowl Classic inviting her to be honored as Division Chairperson for the 2001 Coal Bowl Classic.

This prestigious basketball tournament chooses 10 high school boys teams from the best all across Canada.

The 10 teams are divided into two divisions and it is the practice to name each division in honor of an individual who has distinguished himself or herself in the field of basketball. Coal Bowl 2001 is scheduled to take place from Feb. 5-10, 2001.

The division chairpersons will be honored through a presentation during the opening ceremonies. The ceremonial toss-up of the ball, starting the tournament will be done by both division chairpersons.

They also will be honored at "The Coal Bowl Banquet". During the tournament closing the division chairpersons will present some of the winning medals. Mrs. Anderson was born in New Waterford, N.S. Canada into a renowned and versatile sports

family. Her father played semi-professional baseball and in his eulogy it was written that he was the best player to come out of that area. An older brother, Fred Connors, was proclaimed, "Mr. Canada" in basketball after captaining his team to the Canadian championship.

Another brother, Russell, won the "Jury, skip and jump" event at the Intercontinental Games held in London.

Mrs. Anderson, who held the record for most baskets in a single game for many years, was lauded in newspaper articles as a "member of the Connors family". Mrs. Anderson's love of sports endured over the years. While on the teaching staff at Pahokee High School, she assisted Coach Gwen Davis with the girls' basketball team and was assistant athletic director, helping then-A.D. Joe McIlwain. She was recruited by then head football coach, Don Thompson to serve as an Academic Football Coach, after the position was pioneered by Jimmy Johnson at the University of Miami. Mrs. Johnson studied the collegiate program and adjusted to the high school level, creating a very successful program, the first of its kind in the county.

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The Glades Central Boys and Girls Track Teams include, front row, left to right, Natonya Waters, Antonio Hill, Santonio Holmes, Calvin Brown, second row, Maryury Bravo, Tameka Hanna, Charles Anderson, Neshia Vickers, Shan Crawford, Deakendra Weir, Curtinio Marsh; back row, Anita Perkins, Shatoria Butts, Valerie Reynolds, Rashandra Jordan, Charlisa Anderson, Aiyani Royal and Patricia Miles.

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The Pahokee Boys and Girls Track Teams include Marquis Fuse, George Folger, Juan Carrazzo, Andre Powell, Tequesta Mullins, Chevon Richardson, Anthony Frost, Nadeshia Barrett, Shantieria Davis, Ebony Jackson, Larry Warren, John Decembre, Ranesha Hills, Dynisha Warren, Keri Smith, Lafcira Saulberry, Kelvin Foster, Coach Cathy Seider, Payvelle Pringite, Emily Cruz, Tequesta Cowan and Mia Surry.

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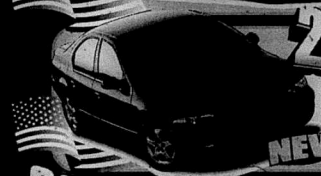
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